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STATED MEETING, MAY 9, 1843.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

Several specimens of *Orthoceras*, from Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania; and Indian arrow heads, found in Columbia county, Pennsylvania. Presented by Mr. J. A. Lessig.

Various specimens of the fossil genera *Favosites*, *Madrepora*, *Cyathophyllum*, and *Orthoceras* in Limestone, from Indiana. Presented by Dr. Edwin Fussel, of Indiana.

Crinoid organic remains, from the Limestone of Missouri. Presented by Dr. Benjamin B. Brown, of St. Louis, Missouri, through Dr. Morton.

DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

Reply of Col Abert and Mr. Markoe to the Hon. Mr. Tappan, of the U. S. Senate. From the Authors.

A Geological History of Manhattan, or New York Island. By Issachar Cozzens, Jr. New York, 1843. From the Author.

Medical and Physical Memoirs. By Charles Caldwell, M. D. Philadelphia, 1801. From Mr. Phillips.

*Historiæ Amphibiorum Naturalis et literariæ fasciculus primus continens Ranas, Calaminitas, &c.* Auctore J. Gottlieb Schneider. From the same.

The Magazine of Natural History, and Journal of Zoology, Botany, Mineralogy, &c. 19 Nos.; from January, 1831, to February, 1835. From Dr. Morton.

The Natural History of Barbadoes, in ten books. By Griffith Hughes. London. 1750. Folio. From the same.

Hymenopterorum ichneumonibus affinium monographiæ genera Europæa et species illustrantes. Scripsit Christ. Godofr. Nees ab Esenbeck. Stuttgartiæ et Tubingæ, 1834. 8vo. From Dr. Morton.

Monographia Tenthredinetarum synonymia extricata. Auctore Le Peletier de St. Fargeau. Paris, 1823. From the same.

Chemische und Mineralogische geschichte des Quecksilbers abgefafst. Von George Freiderich Hildebrandt. Brunswick, 1793. From the same.

Anleitung zum selbststudium der Oryktognosie in technischer Beziehung. Von Karl Borziworg Presl. 2 parts. Prague, 1834. From the same.

Versuch einer anleitung zur Geologischen kenntniss der Mineralien. Von H. F. Link. Gottingen, 1790. From the same.

Albaro Alonzo Barba eines Spanischen Priesters und Hocharfannren Natur-Kündigers docimasie, &c. Vienna, 1749. From the same.

Enleitung zur kenntniss und Gebrauch der Foszilien für die Studirenden. Von J. A. Scopoli. Riga, 1769. From the same.

Pyritologia oder Rieshistoire als des vornehmsten minerals, &c. Von J. Freiderich Henckel. Leipsig, 1754. From the same.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.

The Corresponding Secretary read two communications from the Linnean Society of London, dated December 22, 1842, and February 10, 1843, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings, and of the last number of the Journal of the Academy.

## VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. Haldeman exhibited a number of relics taken from the grave of an Indian, among which were some portions of human bone, and several small metallic cones enclosing human hair. All which were in contact with the metal, or in its immediate vicinity, were in a high state of preservation. Mr. Haldeman inquired whether this preservation might not be accounted for on the principle of galvanic action.

Dr. Bridges believed that the presence of the copper was alone sufficient to account for it; the bone particularly would be found, on close inspection, to be hardest and best preserved in those parts of it most deeply colored by the copper.